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Title: IDENTIFYING AND SYNCHRONIZING INCOMPATIBILITIES BETWEEN A PORTABLE  
COMPUTER AND A DOCKING STATION

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

*NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

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